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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

**DWPI:** Progressive, Increment, Accumulate, Jackpot, Award, Bonus, Pool, Range, Threshold

**USPTO:** ccl/463/25, ccl/463/26, ccl/463/27, Range, Threshold

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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